

She was probably spurred to the deed by the belief that Rossa was the chief instigator and promoter of the dynamite explosions in her country. The doctrine, advocated by Rossa that he has the right to avenge the wrongs which Ireland has suffered for centuries, by dynamite explosions, involving the destruction of property and the death of unoffending women and children assumes a new phase and one not quite so interesting when applied to himself. The attempt made, however, upon his own life was what he had the right to expect. Men who like him make murder their occupation cannot rightfully complain, though if they subject themselves to the risk of retaliation as he has done, Rossa who has insolently preached murder expecting immunity because his victims were thousands of miles away has at last found to his cost that lawlessness is a two edged sword. While assassination is a deplorable crime and one which cannot be excused, in this instance perhaps, the erratic woman who attempted the crime would have been a benefactress to mankind had she succeeded in killing Rossa. The death of a man whose only occupation is murder, of how ever doubtfully propriety the means employed to rid the world of such a pest, can be regretted only by those actuated by like evil designs as he is. Remembering the dynamite explosions of last week in London, which Rossa is supposed to have instigated none but the lawless could deplore the death of such a man.

The Virginia Outcast is in training for the fall races. He is being presented with a pedigree most highly colored and painted to hide blemishes, and a record which has been kept by a piece of mechanism made to order for his special uses. The time, to the music of which the Outcast ambles and gallops, is played by his own organ, and is therefore of the character peculiar to him with variations meant to beguile the dear people. But it won't do. That the Outcast will rally his forces heavily for the final heat no one will doubt, but he is handicapped by the "Danville massacre" and other weight so heavily, that his spindleshanks will not avail to lift him over the mud and filth of his own making and land him safely a victor at the winning post. No, no. The people are sick of such a creature and when at the crossing the wire in November next the judges announce the result, it will be found that the Outcast is badly beaten, and too much used up for anything save cremation to avoid the bad smell of his final decay.

The Richmond Whig, as was expected, is grumbling very much because "Major Daniel has been chosen to represent Virginia at the celebration of the completion of the Washington Monument." Of course. It publishes an extract from the National Republican of 1881 in which Major Daniel is made, in a speech the year before in the courthouse at Greensboro to advise "the young ladies to ostracize all young Republicans." "Don't go to church with them; don't walk on the street with them; do not be seen in any public place with them; they are not fit associates for you." Why should the Whig complain of this? It is only a few years ago that the Whig said that Southern Republicans were "scoundrels," "scumby, scumby, scumby cattle," and another apostle of Mahone Republicanism declared that Virginia Republicans were "apostates for the price of their apostasy."

Why should the Whig complain? A delegation of Virginia politicians left Washington Wednesday night for New York, where they will urge upon President-elect Cleveland the claims of Representative John S. Barbour to a cabinet position. The delegation is composed of Robert Devereux, Major A. Anderson, Judge Watts, ex-Representative Goode, Representatives Cabell and O'Ferrall and Representative elect Trigg.

The Free Lance is the name of a new newspaper at Fredericksburg, which had its first issue last week. Its editors and managers Messrs. Jno. W. Woltz and John Tayloe are capable of making it a sprightly and newsy paper and the copies we have seen show that it is being edited with ability. It is to be independent in politics.

The will of Anna Jacques, of Newbury, Mass., bequeaths to the Hampton, (Va.) Institute \$5,900.

Mrs. Mary Lalley, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., died last week, in the 107th year of her age.

A street duel took place at Portsmouth Monday. Carter B. Page fired four shots and John L. Jack five. Page received a fatal wound in the face and Jack was arrested.

The December crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows that in this State the area of winter wheat, as compared with 1882, is fully one third less. The condition is not unduly low. A large proportion is not yet up, and much of that seeding during the exceedingly dry weather came up badly and looks puny. The outlook is very discouraging for a crop.

Before the Senate met Wednesday morning Mr. E. H. Berger's death was the centre of attention of visitors and such Senators as were in the chamber. A beautiful floral wreath rested upon it—the tributes are presumed, said Mr. Riddleberger's Irish admirers.

They say at the auditor's office that the tax on oysters under the new law yields a larger revenue to the State than any other that has existed for years. So far as known in that office, the new law gives more general satisfaction to the oystermen and public than the old law.

Washington correspondence Alexandria Gazette: It is rumored here, though upon what authority is not known, that the President elect does not intend to appoint a postmaster at Richmond, but will leave that appointment to his successor.

Alexandria Gazette: "It is understood from several reliable sources of information, the entire truth of one of which the Gazette is so well assured that it conches for it, that the President elect has said, the civil-service rules, so far from compelling him to retain the present Federal office holders in the South, would force him to remove them. This is just as it should be, and especially so as regards Virginia, for not only have the Federal office-holders been actively, conspicuously and offensively partisan, transforming their offices into editorial headquarters and electioneering bureaus, but not a single Federal office-holder in the State or in Washington, who hailed from the State, from the highest down to capillary cleaners, who was appointed before the nefarious bargain between Gen. Mahone and the Republican Administration was made, was allowed to retain his position unless he became the General's political slave. The retention of such men in office and civil service reform would be utterly incompatible.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Arrangements are being made for a prize fight between Ryan and Sullivan, and Richard K. Fox of New York offers a diamond championship belt and \$2,500 if the men will meet at New Orleans.

Since the first of September last, there has been received in New York from Europe, over a million dozen of eggs, and from present indications, the importations this year will greatly exceed that of any former year.

Cunningham, who is charged with causing the explosion at the London Tower, is about 21 years of age, five feet five inches in height, with swarthy complexion, broad features, dark brown smooth hair, dark sunken eyes and smooth face. He has scars on his right hand.

The bill which the Postmaster General approves for reducing the postage on second class mail matter from two cents to one cent per pound is in the interest of popular education, because it is in the interest of cheaper newspaper circulation. It takes a tariff off of knowledge.

President Arthur recently sent a communication to Congress announcing the offer made by Mrs. Grant to give to the government in perpetuity the sword and military and civil testimonials lately belonging to General Grant, and copies of papers in the Vanderbilt transaction explaining the same.

The House committee on public lands is of the opinion that the investment of foreign capital in American lands is excessive and needs restriction. It is said that about 21,000,000 acres of land in the United States are now owned by aliens, and the prospective foreclosure of mortgages on the land grant railroads held by aliens will, it is said, give them control of 100,000,000 acres more.

The bill to extend the benefits of the signal service to the farmers of the United States, introduced by Representative Cabell, of this State provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 to telegraph to the chief signal officer changes in temperature by him. This intelligence is to be sent to various offices, over which flags or signals announcing the changes are to be placed.

The New Orleans City Item states that Mrs. Jane Wray Washington Campbell, the nearest relative of George Washington, died in that city last week. Deceased was the daughter of Needham L. Washington. Her mother, Sallie Ashton Alexander, was the grand daughter of Lawrence Washington and on her mother's side grand daughter of Sir Ashton Alexander, who gave his name to the city of Alexandria, Va., and left many descendants.

NEW YORK, February 2.—At 3:30 p. m., O'Donovan Rossa was shot in front of the Stewart building, on Chambers street, by a woman named Yselt Hndley. The woman was immediately arrested, and Rossa taken to the Chambers street Hospital. He was shot in the back under the right shoulder. When the woman was brought to the station house she handed to the police sergeant a five-barrelled nickel-plated, thirty-two calibre revolver, very coolly saying, "I guess they are all empty now." She had fired five shots, but only one had taken effect. She said she was a nurse, and lived at No. 60 Clinton place. She came from England five months ago. She had an interview with Rossa on Saturday, at his office. She met today by appointment, made by a letter from her to him. It is said the letter is now in the hands of Patrick Joyce, Rossa's secretary. The woman is headstrong and was very fairly dressed in the style of a well-to-do English maid.

The woman would probably not prove fatal. There is no immediate danger, and the patient is resting quietly.

Mrs. Dudley, the woman who shot O'Donovan Rossa, in an interview with a New York reporter, stuns up her reason for committing the act as follows: "I am an English woman. This man is the chief instrument here by which funds have been raised for murdering helpless women and innocent children in England, and I felt that it was only justice that he should fall by a woman's hand. I am only sorry that I did not succeed."

A Kneel-Indicted Man. The grand jury of the Hastings Court at Richmond, has returned fifteen indictments against Wm. R. Smith, a clerk in the office of the auditor of public accounts, charged with the embezzlement of State funds. This is the only commencement of the prosecution of Smith by the grand jury, who are just on the third day of the investigation, which will be continued from term to term of the court until finished. Enough papers are already in the hands of the Commonwealth's counsel to show that the number of indictments against Smith will go up into the hundreds.

It is probably that the trial of Smith will be commenced at the next term of the Hastings Court, which opens the first Monday in February. He is defended by able counsel. The special legislative committee investigating the defalcations in the auditor's office do not expect to be able to conclude their labors for several months.

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